

Message

From: Tate, Rita [Tate.Rita@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/25/2017 2:17:41 PM
To: Gardner, Allison [Gardner.Allison@epa.gov]; saxe, jennie [saxe.jennie@epa.gov]; D'Andrea, Michael [DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV]; White, Terri-A [White.Terri-A@epa.gov]
CC: Graff, Jeannine [Graff.Jeannine@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA-R3-2017-007549 - re: AWWPA Standards regarding treating wood and copper

The requests are not exact duplicates. They seem to differ in the names of the agency employees in respective toxics/pesticides programs and the date in June 2016.

We can either move forward with processing the request or consider it withdrawn since he has not yet responded to Mike's calls. A message from eDiscovery yesterday stated: "Your request is currently in our processing queue. Barring any unforeseen obstacles such as network issues, the estimated completion date for your request is 6/8/2017." We won't even know what, if anything, they got from the email search till 6/8. Gary doesn't believe that he has anything responsive.

I can consult with Mike and/or Jennie to determine which option might be best.

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From: Gardner, Allison
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>; saxe, jennie <saxe.jennie@epa.gov>; D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>
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I just took a look at it – it seems pretty specific to us – i.e., the email requested is for an R3 employee. Are the requests to other regions really exact duplicates?

And on Mr. Blustein's other FOIA, it looks like Mike tried to contact him several times to no avail. What are the planned next steps on that one, since it is past due? Thanks.

Allison

From: Tate, Rita
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 8:44 AM
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He has not requested a waiver and the fee limit is \$25. At this point, there has been no response to Edie's message from HQ/FOIA regarding the handling of the duplicate requests.

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Has he asked for a fee waiver? And, if not, what's his fee limit? We will need to coordinate with the other regions on communications.

From: saxe, jennie
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 8:02 AM
To: Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>; D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>; Gardner, Allison <Gardner.Allison@epa.gov>
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The new organization is definitely not a media outlet. They're a public affairs/communications/political consulting firm.

From: Tate, Rita
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 7:56 AM
To: D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>; Gardner, Allison <Gardner.Allison@epa.gov>
Cc: saxe, jennie <saxe.jennie@epa.gov>; Graff, Jeannine <Graff.Jeannine@epa.gov>
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Importance: High

FYI –

Not sure if it's a "thing" that need to be brought to senior managers but the request below went to most Regions.

The requester Mr. Allan L. Blutstein already has one request pending EPA-R3-2017-005375). At that time he was with America Rising PAC (<https://www.americarisingpac.org/>) and requested Gary Morton's emails with Sen. Bob Casey. That response is still pending awaiting email search results from OEI and is currently overdue.

Under this request (EPA-R3-2017-007549) he's with Definers Public Affairs (<http://www.definersdc.com/services>). I'm not sure if Definers Public Affairs is a media outlet. The request has not yet been tasked to LCD. Plan to do that this morning.

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:25 PM

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Subject: Duplicate FOIA

Hi Larry-

There's another FOIA making the rounds to about half of EPA. Allan Blutstein is looking for anything that mentions AWPAs Standard for treating wood with copper.

EPA-HQ-2017-007013 Request Assignment Determination Allan Blutstein 05/08/2017 OPP 06/15/2017

1. All emails sent or received by Steve Knizner (Pesticide Programs, Antimicrobials Division) from June 29, 2016, through July 15, 2016, that discuss the "AWPA Standard" for treating wood with copper. 2. All emails sent or received by Jack Housenger (Director, Pesticide Programs) from June 24, 2016, through July 15, 2016, that discuss the "AWPA Standard" for treating wood with copper.

EPA-HQ-2017-007485 Request Assignment Determination Allan L. Blutstein 05/18/2017 OPP N/A

All emails sent or received by Emily Mitchell, Acting Deputy Director, between June 24, 2016, and July 15, 2016, that mention or refer to AWPAs standard regarding treating wood with copper.

EPA-R3-2017-007549 Request Submitted Allan Blutstein 05/19/2017 R3 N/A

Any email sent or received by John Butler, Pesticides and Asbestos Programs, that mentions or refers to "AWPA standards" regarding treating wood with copper. The timeframe of this request is June 24, 2016, to the present.

EPA-R4-2017-007551 Request Assignment Determination Allan Blutstein 05/19/2017 Leonard Dangerfield 06/20/2017

Any email sent or received by Kimberly Bingham, Pesticides section chief, that mentions or refers to the "AWPA standard" for treating wood with copper. The timeframe of this request is June 1, 2016, to the present.

EPA-R10-2017-007552 Request Assignment Determination Allan Blutstein 05/19/2017 Chandra R. Vitellaro 06/19/2017

Any email sent or received by Kelly Mcfadden, Manager, Pesticides and Toxics Unit, that mentions or refers to the AWPAs standard for treating wood with copper.

EPA-R1-2017-007589 Request Submitted Allan Blutstein 05/22/2017 R1 N/A

All emails sent or received by Sharon Hayes, Manager, Toxics and Pesticides Unit, regarding the American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) standard for preserving wood with copper. The time period of the request records is June 1, 2016, to the present.

EPA-R7-2017-007591 Request Allan Blutstein 05/22/2017 TBD

All email sent or received of Jamie Green, Office of Pesticides Program, regarding the American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) regarding the treatment of wood with copper. The timeframe of this request is June 1, 2016, to the present.

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